

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2020

There was a Regular Meeting of Council held at the Horton Community Centre on Tuesday September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Present were Mayor David Bennett, Deputy Mayor Glen Campbell, Councillor Doug Humphries, and Councillor Lane Cleroux. Staff present was Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk, Adam Knapp, Public Works Manager, and Nichole Dubeau, Admin/Planning Assistant-Recording Secretary.

Councillor Tom Webster sent his regrets.

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### 2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor Bennett declared pecuniary interest on item 14.1.

Councillor Cleroux declared pecuniary interest on item 8.2.1.

### 3. **CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL AGENDA**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-153**

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**THAT** Council adopt the amended Agenda for the September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting to include item 6.1.4 Granular Sealing RFQ.

**Carried**

### 4. **MINUTES**

4.1 July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 – Regular Council

Moved by Councillor Humphries

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-154**

Seconded by Councillor Cleroux

**THAT** Council approve the following Minutes:

- July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 – Regular Council

**Carried**

### 5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – None**

### 6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### 6.1 **TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

##### 6.1.1 Chair's Report – July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Councillor Cleroux reviewed the report.

##### 6.1.2 Sale of Economy Mulch at Landfill Site

Public Works Manager Adam Knapp reviewed the report.

##### 6.1.3 Award Tender PW 2020-06 Repointing of Exterior Brick Community Centre

Public Works Manager Adam Knapp reviewed the report.

##### 6.1.4 Granular Sealing RFQ

Public Works Manager Adam Knapp reviewed the report. He added that Greenwood Paving Ltd. had submitted a quote of \$7,047.00 after the report was sent to Council. Councillor Cleroux added that the Procurement By-law should be brought back to council for review so operational expenses can be increased and not brought to meetings and held up every time. Council members agreed.

#### 6.2 **COMMUNITY COMMITTEES / COUNTY COUNCIL**

##### 6.2.1 Renfrew & Area Seniors Home Support

Mayor Bennett stated that the elected officers for the year, except for Horton which can be discussed when Councillor Webster returns.

#### 6.2.2 Community Safety & Wellbeing Plan Committee

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough stated that there have been no meetings but there has been ongoing online training.

#### 6.2.3 Health Services Village

Mayor Bennett stated that two new doctors have agreed to join the Health Village.

#### 6.2.4 Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Humphries stated that the meetings have continued since Covid-19 started and they are moving forward through the hard times. They are working on service awards and stated that council should brainstorm Horton residents to be nominated for certain categories.

#### 6.2.5 County Council

Mayor Bennett stated they are still having meetings via Zoom and that there is funding coming into Renfrew County.

### **7. DELEGATIONS &/or PUBLIC MEETINGS – None**

### **8. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY**

Council reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

#### **8.1 INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE**

##### 8.1.1 CAO/Clerk Information Memo

Discussion went around the table with information previously distributed.

#### **8.2 ACTION CORRESPONDENCE**

##### 8.2.1 Request to Waive Tipping Fees

Councillor Cleroux declared pecuniary interest.

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the request. There was council discussion regarding the set standards from previous requests. Mayor Bennett requested that it be referred to the TES Committee for discussion and then be brought back to Council.

##### 8.2.2 EORN Broadband Project

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the letter. Council members were in support.

##### 8.2.3 Resolution in Support – Bonnechere Valley

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the resolution. Council members were in support.

##### 8.2.4 Resolution in Support – County of Renfrew – RC VTAC

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the letter. Council members were in support.

### **9. BYLAWS**

- 9.1 2020-34 Adopt Corporate Policies Section J
- 9.2 2020-35 Adopt Corporate Policies Section T
- 9.3 2020-36 User Fees & Charges By-Law

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the by-laws for council.

**10. NOTICE TO FILE MOTION FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING****10.1 Staff Report – Development Charges**

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the report. Councillor Cleroux expressed his concerns regarding the Development Charges Act and the Township's Lot Development Charges By-law, and the process in which funds are collected compared to other municipalities. Mayor Bennett, Councillor Humphries and Deputy Mayor Campbell felt that the process has been working well for the Township since 2008. Staff is to bring back a report with information on development charges funds summary.

**11. COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS CONCERNS**

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough gave a brief update on the last LEG Group meeting. The report should be finished by the end of October 2020. She also stated that OPP Inspector Dawn Ferguson will be present at the October 6<sup>th</sup> council meeting for a presentation and requested that council notify her of any questions they have in advance. She also stated that the Township was successful receiving the library operating grant. She added that she has received a proposal from the Renfrew County Paramedic Service about renting the community centre to be used as a drive-thru COVID-19 testing location and that private rentals will be available for the hall with new guidelines and a waiver to sign.

**12. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION – None****13. RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Councillor Humphries

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-155**

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell

**THAT** Council accept the Transportation & Environmental Services Committee Chair's Report for July 29th, 2020 as information.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Cleroux

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-156**

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**THAT** upon recommendation from the TES Committee, Council agree to a 5-year term with MESH at a cost of \$34,179.06 plus HST;

**AND THAT** this be funded through the Modernization Funds Reserve.

**Carried**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-157**

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**THAT** Council award Tender PW 2020-06, Re-Pointing Exterior Brick of the Horton Community Center to Freamo and Son Masonry for the total contracted price of \$12,995.00 including HST;

**AND THAT** this be funded from the Recreation Building Reserves.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Cleroux

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-158**

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**THAT** Council agree to contract Greenwood Paving (Pembroke) Ltd. for a price of \$7,047 including HST to apply RC 30 granular sealing as per OPSS 305 to the West side of Pinnacle Road from addresses 253 to 325 and to the West side of Thomson Road near address 2215;

**AND THAT** this will be funded through the Roadside Maintenance 2020 Operating Budget.

**Carried**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-159**Seconded by Councillor Cleroux**THAT** Council receive the reports for Community Committees and County Council as information.**Carried**Moved by Councillor Cleroux**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-160**Seconded by Councillor Humphries**THAT** Council accept the CAO/Clerk's Information Memo for September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.**Carried**Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-161**Seconded by Councillor Cleroux**THAT** Council of the Township of Horton support the County of Renfrew's letter to endorse the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's Gigabyte project proposal;**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MP Cheryl Gallant, and Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski.**Carried**Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-162**Seconded by Councillor Humphries**WHEREAS** the outbreak and rapid global spread of COVID-19 in 2020 has shocked the global economy, disrupted financial markets and caused economic and social hardships for families, business-owners, workers and communities across Ontario;**AND WHEREAS** the long-term economic implications of COVID-19 are highly uncertain;**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Government is taking the first steps in a made-in-Ontario plan for growth, renewal and economic recovery;**AND WHEREAS** Ontario's recovery plan will help boost the province's economic recover, create thousands of jobs, put more opportunities within reach of businesses, get infrastructure projects built faster, and improve the quality of life in every community across the province;**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada provides significant financial support to provincial and territorial governments on an ongoing basis to assist them in the provision of programs and services through the Canada Health Transfer (CHT), the Canada Social Transfer (CST), Equalization and Territorial Formula Financing (TTF) of which Ontario's share should be 38%;**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada also provides financial support for joint infrastructure funding of Broadband, Roads, Bridges and Green Energy;**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada is expediting the transfer of this year's federal Gas Tax funding to municipalities;**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Horton supports the Township of Bonnechere Valley's resolution and hereby requests that the Federal Government expedite all transfers to the Province of Ontario for 2020 to support the province's economic recovery, create thousands of jobs, put more opportunities within reach of businesses, get infrastructure projects built faster, and improve the quality of life in every community across the province;**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MP Cheryl Gallant, and Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Cleroux  
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-163**

**THAT** Council of the Township of Horton supports the County of Renfrew's request to maintain the Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (RC VTAC) model for primary healthcare for residents who do not have a family doctor or cannot access their physician;

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MP Cheryl Gallant, and Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski, as well as the County of Renfrew.

**Carried**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Cleroux

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-164**

**THAT** Council enact the following By-Laws

- 2020-34 Adopt Corporate Policies Section J
- 2020-35 Adopt Corporate Policies Section T
- 2020-36 User Fees & Charges By-Law

**Carried****14. IN CAMERA (Closed) SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Cleroux  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-165**

**THAT** Council went into a Closed Session Meeting at 6:01 p.m. to discuss the following items pursuant to Section 239(2) (b) and (e) of the Municipal Act;

(b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Cleaning of Community Centre Due to Covid-19

(e) Litigation or potential litigation – Farrell's Landing – Update

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Cleroux  
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-166**

**THAT** Council came out of Closed (In-Camera) Session at 6:25 p.m. and discussed items pertaining to Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Cleaning of Community Centre Due to Covid-19 and Litigation or Potential Litigation – Farrell's Landing Update

**Carried****15. CONFIRMING BYLAW**

Moved by Councillor Cleroux  
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-167**

**THAT** Council enact By-law 2020-37 – Confirming By-Law

**Carried****16. ADJOURNMENT**

Deputy Mayor Campbell declared the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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 DEPUTY MAYOR Glen Campbell

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 CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough